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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Single Source Program Expansion Supplement Award to Area Health Education Centers

(AHEC) Program Grantee; Exception to Competition

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS

ACTION: Notice of Exception to Competition – Single Source Program Expansion
Supplement Award to Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program Grantee –
University of Guam School of Nursing

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Bureau of Health Professions is issuing a non-competitive single source program expansion supplement award to the University of Guam School of Nursing, an Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program grantee, to coordinate the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) *Nursing Program Capacity Strengthening and Quality Improvement Initiative*. In fiscal year (FY) 2012, \$203,703 will be available to fund this award. The Guam/Micronesia AHEC is uniquely qualified and has the capacity, capability, expertise, experience, and infrastructure to expeditiously, effectively, and efficiently implement the project within their existing educational programming. The University of Guam School of Nursing is the only nationally accredited baccalaureate nursing education program in the Pacific. Its focus is on health careers training and development, as well as improving the health careers pipeline in the region.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Intended Recipient of the Award: Guam/Micronesia AHEC – University of Guam School of
Nursing

Amount of Award: \$203,703

Authority: Section 751 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 294a), as amended by
Sec.5403 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148.

CFDA Number: 93.824

Project Period: September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2013.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Guam/Micronesia AHEC – University of Guam School of Nursing is uniquely qualified to carry out the *USAPI Nursing Program Capacity Strengthening and Quality Improvement Initiative Project* because of their significant role in improving the public health capacity and infrastructure in the region.

The University of Guam School of Nursing is the only nationally accredited baccalaureate nursing education program in the Pacific. The Guam/Micronesia AHEC grantee is the University of Guam School of Nursing, whose focus is health career training and development, as well as improving the health careers pipeline in the region. The activities that will be carried out through this initiative will serve as building blocks in a more comprehensive strategic effort to strengthen nursing education, and, thus the nursing workforce in the USAPI jurisdictions.

Funding this supplemental award in FY 2012 will enable the grantee to implement the activities identified in this initiative, targeted on nursing program director development, student assessment and preparation, program resource purchases, and faculty development.

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